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SUBJ: FRENCH-ITALIAN "WINE WAR"

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1. ITALIAN PRESS HAS RECENTLY GIVEN WIDESPREAD COVERAGE TO FRENCH-ITALIAN "WINE WAR" IN ADVANCE OF SEPTEMBER 9 EC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MEETING, AT WHICH THIS ITEM WILL BE ONE OF PRINCIPAL ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE GOI APPARENTLY WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, INCLUDING DISTILLATION AND NEW PLANTINGS, BUT WILL NOT CONSIDER TAKING EXISTING VINEYARDS OUT OF PRODUCTION OR REPLANTING OF EXISTING VINEYARDS WITH HIGHER QUALITY VINES.

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3. GOI CONTINUES TO INSIST PUBLICLY THAT, IF CAP CAN
COPE WITH SURPLUSES OF MILK, MEAT AND CEREALS WITHOUT
LIMITING PRODUCTION, THEN THERE IS NO RPT NO REASON WHY
WINE SHOULD BE SINGLED OUT FOR A DIFFERENT REGIME REQUIRING
LIMITATION OF PRODUCTION. GOI WOULD APPARENTLY ACCEPT
LIMITATIIN ON WINE PRODUCTION IF SIMILAR CONTROLS WERE APPLIED
TO "NORTHERN" AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

4. PRESS ALSO INDICATES THAT GOI IS PREPARING A LIST OF
FRENCH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO WHICH GOI WILL APPLY IMPORT
RESTRICTIONS IF GOI CONTINUES TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS OF ITALIN
WINE CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF THE COMMON MARKET.VOLPE

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